

# Racial & Ethnic Disparities

## **Racial and Ethnic Disparity Virtual Conference 2020 (Session1 of 3)**

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm

**Session 1: Reducing Racial Disparities in Juvenile Detention with Effective and Innovative Alternatives to Detention**

**RED is a sub-committee of JDAI and a working group of OYS.**

The Douglas County Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Sub-Committee of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) and Operation Youth Success (OYS), in partnership with the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association (NJJA) presents its first Racial and Ethnic Disparities Virtual Conference.

The RED conference kick-off begins with a presentation selected by the JDAI Alternatives To Detention (ATD) Sub-committee. The first, in a three-part summer ATD series will be Opal West from the Annie E. Casey Foundation on Alternatives To Detention.

Opal West is a Program Associate for the Juvenile Justice Strategy Group with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, working to improve the nation's probation practices for young people through the Probation Transformation work. She began her career as a juvenile Probation and Parole officer in the state of Louisiana. Opal spent most of her career focusing on improving racial equity in the juvenile justice system in Louisiana through leading the JDAI/RED statewide work, and improving conditions in facilities by helping design the standards of operations for all local and state secure facilities statewide. At the Annie E. Casey foundation, Opal provides technical assistance, develops practice guides on how to improve probation and works with national partners to push the field into a new direction that will ultimately elevate equity and improve outcomes for youth under community supervision.

**This conference is FREE to all individuals who work with young people and families in the Juvenile Justice System. Please download the NJJA Mobile App to register for this free virtual conference. If you have any questions about registration or the NJJA App - email [ChristyBeckman@outlook.com](mailto:ChristyBeckman@outlook.com)**

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